

Globalnews



stories and updates from Scripture Union around the world

Global News aims to keep you in touch with how our network of Scripture Union teams around the world is having an impact on young lives. We hope this monthly update will inspire you to partner with us.

God's provision is loud and clear in Vanuatu



Amazing generosity turned out to be God's provision for the thriving work of **Scripture Union Vanuatu's** campsite ministry with children and young people. National Director, Esline Toamavute, explained how they were overwhelmed by a miraculous answer to prayer recently.

She said, "As our Scripture Union Vanuatu income was reduced to zero from our campsite accommodation rentals, we were wondering where our next allowance would come from. At the same time, we were experiencing an unexpected increase in the number of children attending our camping ministry. So, we

have had to deal with these two issues at the same time during the past few weeks."

As the number of young campers grew, the need for a public address system became even more apparent. Esline said, *"We knew we could not afford it, but we were hopefully praying."*

At the end of a fundraising event last month, Esline said the team were reflecting on the record numbers at their latest camp, when 218 children and young people took part. She said, *"Everyone agreed that the camping ministry really needed the public address system to carry out the program well. One of our volunteers recommended a small system which he had seen being used by another organisation which was priced at 20,000vt. We were all looking at a pamphlet about the speakers and wishing it belonged to SU ministry."*

One of the camp's speakers was a lawyer, Philip Fiuka, whose children attended the camps and whose wife was also helping out. Esline said, *"As the rain stopped and everyone stood to leave, Philip Fiuka, handed me an envelope. Inside there was exactly the amount that we needed to buy that speaker system - 20,000vt. Philip quietly said, 'Go and buy the speaker'."*

"God is truly a miracle working God. On the following Monday we got the speaker we needed. That is how God saw it fit to answer our need."

about Vanuatu



Vanuatu is in the southwestern Pacific Ocean and is made up of a chain of 13 principal and many smaller islands located about 800 km west of Fiji and 1,700 km east of Australia. The name Vanuatu means 'Our Land Forever' in many of the locally used Melanesian languages. The land is very diverse with rugged mountains and high plateaus and rolling hills and coastal terraces, with offshore coral reefs. The population is about 220,000 and Christianity makes up about 75 per cent of the population. Its people have a reputation for bravery, and it is also one of the world's most dangerous countries for natural disasters. Apparently, it is the place where bungee jumping was invented! Scripture Union Vanuatu runs a range of ministries including schools work, Bible groups, camping and holiday programmes.

Relying on God's promises in Uganda

Day 2 relying on God



Esther, a teenager from Uganda, shared her experience of walking with God during the global pandemic during the launch event for Scripture Union's Global Week of Prayer this November. She was just one of many young people who contributed to the event and joined in praying with hundreds of others around the world for the ongoing ministry of Scripture Union.

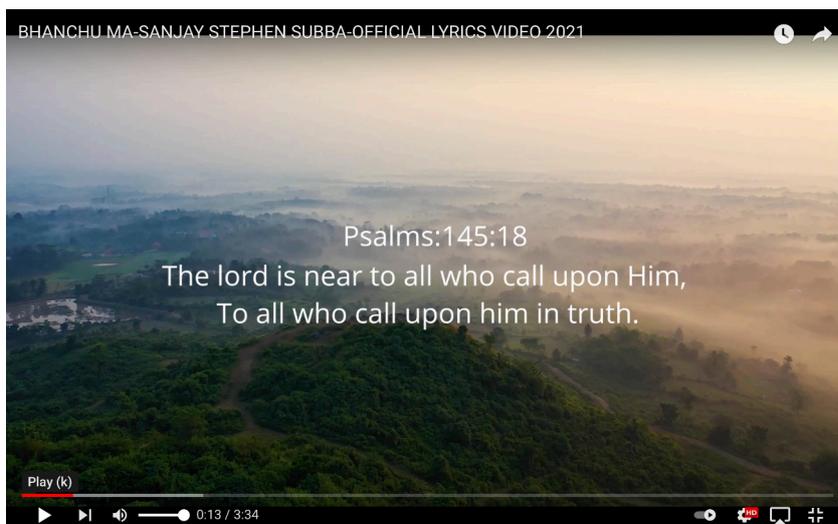
Zoom prayer helps link teams together in South Africa



National chairperson for [Scripture Union in South Africa](#), Ant Ryan, shared how he has been encouraged by one of the activities that evolved during the global pandemic.

He said, "In South Africa the silver lining to the Covid cloud has been the weekly Zoom prayer meeting that were introduced when we went into lock down last year. SU South Africa meets together on Zoom at 6pm every Thursday for a time of prayer. This has really helped us in our team cohesion and in our support for each other. It has allowed staff, committee members, volunteers and special guests to join us in co-creating the Scripture Union story, and in giving the glue to our motto 'We are SU'."

Words of hope in the midst of difficulty



Despite facing huge pressure as they continue to live out their faith and minister to children and young people, Scripture Union members in one of our restricted countries have written and created a number of online music videos to encourage their teams with words of truth and hope from the Bible. Scripture Union International's Director, Monika Kuschmierz said, *"We give thanks for their courageous example of hope in the midst of adversity."*

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